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Applicant : Knowles et al.

Appl. No. : 09/593,587

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For : THERMAL INTERFACE

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement mailed on May 3, 2001, the applicant hereby elects the species of Figure 2, corresponding to Claims 2-3, 7, 10-11, and 14-15. It is respectfully submitted that Claims 1 and 4 are generic. This election is made without traverse.

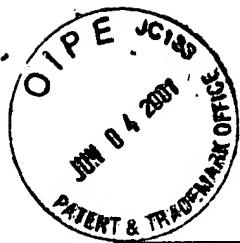
Respectfully submitted,

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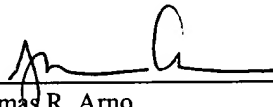
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Sir:

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